

Recycling Newsletter

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WOW! Last FALL (Sept, Oct & Nov '06) Lowell residents collectively sent more than 1,500 tons of Yard Waste to the regional composting facility.

Yard Waste season is here...

A few things to remember...

- All Yard Waste (biodegradable items) , including: grass, leaves and small brush are banned by MA DEP, from the trash [310 CMR 19.017].
- All Yard Waste must be separated from the regular trash.
- Place in paper 'lawn & leaf' bag
or
- Loose in a Barrel
(with orange "Yard Waste" sticker)



[stickers are available for FREE
At DPW or Recycling Office]

- Do NOT use Plastic trash bags.
- Collected same day as trash.
- Do not place at curb prior to 7 PM night before 'trash day'.
- Brush bundles must be shorter than three feet long with no item bigger than 3 inches.
- The City is not responsible for collecting bags which are torn, overloaded, not secured or are otherwise damaged.

Collection Ends

Friday Nov. 30th

THE ECONOMICS OF RECYCLING



Reduce Reuse Recycle: As of July 1, 2007; Lowell pays \$125 per ton, to collect, transport and incinerate trash. In 2006 we collectively disposed of 46,536 tons, accounting for more than \$5.5 Million of your tax dollars. Increasing our recycling rate by even 5% could save \$250,000. Don't have a recycling bin? Call us!



F A L L Holiday Schedule

Monday Oct. 8

Columbus Day

City Hall Closed

Monday Nov. 12

Veteran's Day

(Observed)

City Hall Closed

Thursday Nov. 22

Thanksgiving Day

City Hall Closed

Tuesday Dec. 25

Christmas Day

City Hall Closed

Whenever a scheduled collection day falls on a holiday, that day's collection and all remaining collections for the week will be delayed one day. Friday's collection will be on Saturday.

Solid Waste & Recycling Office

Neighborhood Services
1st Floor, Rm 34
Lowell City Hall
375 Merrimack St
Lowell MA 01852

Phone: 978-446-7277

Email: recycle@lowellma.gov



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www.lowellrecycle.org

Other Contact Information

BFI/ Allied Waste

Appliances, A/Cs, TVs & Monitors
Collection call: 978-649-7564



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1-888-870-8882 (no calls accepted after 4 PM)

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DVDs and Audio Books!*

We keep books out of the waste stream. Nothing gets thrown out. Your good books will not be wasted by going into a landfill. Instead, they will be circulated to willing readers who will enjoy them as much as you did. Any book that is not salvageable will be recycled, but only as a last resort.

- We do not pick and choose. We accept all types of books from new and old to textbooks and non-fiction. **Complimentary pick-up service** Please Call!

Keep Lowell Beautiful, Inc. is a non-profit (501)(c)(3) organization based in Lowell. KLB's mission is to promote and foster the involvement of residents in litter reduction, beautification and proper solid waste management efforts.



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Join Now!

Did you miss our bi-monthly "**Waste Lines**" column in the Lowell SUN? Read back articles on-line at: www.lowellsun.com/gunther. Keep up to date on Recycling and Solid Waste issues. Join our ListServe by sending an email to recycle@lowellma.gov, write "join" in the subject

Compost Bins for Sale



Earth Machine



New Age Composter

Kitchen Compost Buckets for Sale



\$5.00 Each

Looking Ahead...

Christmas Tree disposal

The City does not collect Christmas Trees curbside.

-Plan on bringing them to one of the designated drop-off locations.

-9 Parks will be open for tree drop-off through Jan. 15, 2008. (see website)

-Lowell Boy Scout Troop 23 will again provide scheduled collection (for a \$10 donation); Contact them directly, by Jan. 1: troop23lowell@yahoo.com Or by tel. (978) 551-8975 Please leave your name, address and phone number.

- Two Styles to choose from.

- Made available via a MA DEP grant.

- \$35.00 Each

Call the Recycling Office to order (with FREE delivery to Lowell addresses).

Compost: reduces the volume of garbage requiring disposal; saves money for you and your community (in reduced soil purchases and reduced local disposal costs); enriches the soil.

What should you compost?

Yard wastes such as leaves, grass clippings and weeds make excellent compost. Fruit and vegetable scraps, plus food wastes such as coffee grounds, tea bags, and eggs shells, can be composted. To keep animals and odors out of your pile, do not add meat, bones, fatty food wastes (such as cheese, grease and oils), to the pile.